Author's response to reviews

Title: Left ventricular systolic function changes in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy patients detected by the strain of different myocardium layers and longitudinal rotation

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Dear Dr. Anne Menard,

Thank you for your letter. We are very pleased and excited that our manuscript has potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. We have revised our manuscript, according to the comments and suggestions of yours, and responded, the comments as listed below. I hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

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